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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO LUXEMBOURG APRIL 13,
1973 FROM NASSAU IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BAHAMIAN FLAG AIRLINE

REF: NASSAU 335 (NOTAL)

1. IN ADDITION TO MERGING THE TWO LOCAL CARRIERS,
OUT ISLAND AIRWAYS (OIAL AND FLAMINGO, INTO A NATIONAL
FLAG CARRIER (REFTEL), PLANS NOW CALL FOR INCLUSION
OF INTERNATIONAL AIR BAHAMAS (IAB). IAB AND ITS PARENT
COMPANY ICELANDIC AIRLINES, FAVOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.
THE AIRLINE' S LICENSE IS DUE TO EXPIRE WITHIN NEXT
FEW YEARS, THUS BY HAVING A SHARE IN THE NATIONAL
CARRIER IT IS ASSURED A CONTINUED OPERATION. THROUGH
AN AS- YET- TO- BE WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENT, IAB WILL
PROVIDE THE EXPERTISE FOR RUNNING THE INTERNATIONAL
PORTION OF THE NATIONAL CARRIER' S SERVICE.

2. IAB CURRENTLY FLIES NASSAU/ LUXEMBOURG AND OIA
SERVES MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE BAHAMIANS ARE HOPING TO
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COMBINE THESE ROUTES AND PROVIDE MIAMI/ LUXEMBOURG
SERVICE VIA NASSAU WITHOUT CHANGING PLANES. THE
PRESENT NON- IATA STATUS WILL PROBABLY BE MAINTAINED.

3. WILL THE NEW NATIONAL CARRIER AUTOMATICALLY
ACQUIRE OIA' S MIAMI ROUTE?
WILSON
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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